

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SANTIA 02805 272200 Z

61

ACTION ARA-17

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 USIE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-02

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15

NSCE-00 INRE-00 AID-20 OMB-01 PC-04 COME-00 EB-11

LAB-06 SIL-01 SSO-00 OPR-02 CU-04 NIC-01 RSR-01 /121 W  
----- 068340

O R 272128 Z JUN 73

FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4693

INFO USCINCSO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SANTIAGO 2805

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: CI, PINT, PINS, MILI, ELAB

SUBJ: PRATS INCIDENT OVERSHADOWS MINERS' DEPARTURE

DEPT PASS DOD, DIA; USCINCSO FOR POLAD

REF: SANTIAGO 2782 (NOTAL)

1. MID- AFTERNOON RADIO NEWSCASTS REPORT ARMY CINC PRATS WAS INVOLVED IN INCIDENT ABOUT 3:00 P. M. OPPOSITION VERSION ( GIVEN WITH TAPE RECORDINGS BY PRINCIPALS OTHER THAN PRATS AS WELL AS BY WITNESSES) IS THAT GENERAL FIRED GUN AT CAR DRIVEN BY WOMAN WHO HAD STUCK TONGUE OUT AT HIM. INCIDENT OCCURRED ON COSTANERA EXPRESSWAY, WOMAN UNHURT. ACCORDING THESE REPORTS, OTHER MOTORISTS STOPPED PRATS, DISINFLATED HIS CAR' S TIRES AND GENERAL EVENTUALLY LEFT SCENE IN TAXI. SOME REPORTS HAVE IT THAT PRATS WAS ON WAY TO MONEDA TO REPORT THAT ARMY GENERALS MEETING HAD VOTED 16-6 AGAINST PARTICIPATION IN CABINET. UP RADIOS RIDICULE THESE STORIES, CLAIM INCIDENT WAS ABORTIVE KIDNAP ATTEMPT OR WORSE, AND LIKEN IT TO OCTOBER 1970 KILLING OF GEN RENE SCHNEIDER.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO JUNE 26 MEETING BETWEEN PRES ALLENDE  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SANTIA 02805 272200 Z

AND WIVES OF STRIKING TENIENTE MINERS ( REFTTEL), MINERS DECIDED TO RETURN TO RANCAGUA TO AWAIT ALLENDE' S PROMISED REPLY TO WIVES, LEAVING ONLY SMALL TOKEN FORCE BEHIND IN SANTIAGO. ALTHOUGH WIVES' DELEGATION REFUSED TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF INTERVIEW WITH ALLENDE, ALL AGREED MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND " POSITIVE". WOMEN SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED STATEMENT FROM RANCAGUA WARNING THAT IF THIRD PARTIES WERE TO INTERFERE WITH PRESIDENT' S EXPRESSED ASSURANCES REGARDING SETTLEMENT SOON, THEY, THE MINERS, AND THEIR CHILDREN WOULD ALL RETURN TO SANTIAGO. MEANWHILE, ALLENDE WILL MEET WITH DELEGATION OF WIVES OF NON- STRIKING TENIENTE MINERS THIS EVENING.

3. SENATE VOTE ON IMPEACHMENT OF MINECONOMY MILLAS POST- PONED TO JULY 3 AT EARLIEST. MINEDUCATION TAPIA URGED SENATE COMMITTEE STUDYING IMPEACHMENT CHARGES AGAINST CABINET BROUGHT BY FENSA EXECUTIVE ( SANTIAGO 2589) TO DISMISS ACCUSATIONS FORTHWITH. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOVT IS WORRIED ABOUT FENSA CASE SINCE PRECEDENT EXISTS WHEREBY MINISTERS SIGNING DECREE OF INSISTENCE CAB BE HELD PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR PAYING CIVIL DAMAGES TO AGGRIEVED PLAINTIFF.

4. UP MEDIA CONTINUE TO HARP ON " SCANDAL" OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES DRAWING BOTH REGULAR SALARIES AND PENSIONS FROM FORMER JOBS ( REFTTEL), WHILE OPPOSITION PRESS FEATURES DECLARATIONS OF SOLIDARITY FOR JUDICIARY, INCLUDING FROM SENATE PRESIDENT FREI. UNIVERSITY OF CHILE ISSUED CALL FOR MAJOR RALLY JULY 3 IN SUPPORT OF ITS LATE CHANNEL 6 AND TO PROTEST INADEQUATE UNIVERSITY BUDGET; RALLY MAY BE INTENDED TO COINCIDE WITH TV/ 6' S RUMORED REAPPEARANCE ON THE AIR ( SANTIAGO 2784).

DAVIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNNNMAFVVZCZ

\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a

\*\*\* Current Classification \*\*\* LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 27 JUN 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** elyme  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973SANTIA02805  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** n/a  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** SANTIAGO  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19730631/aaaajrmi.tel  
**Line Count:** 97  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ACTION ARA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** elyme  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 16 JAN 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <16-Jan-2002 by martinjw>; APPROVED <07 FEB 2002 by elyme>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** <DBA CORRECTED> jms 980303  
**Subject:** PRATS INCIDENT OVERSHADOWS MINERS' DEPARTURE  
**TAGS:** ELAB, MILI, PINS, PINT, CI  
**To:** ARA  
SECSTATE WASHDC  
USCINCSO  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005